

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 15, 2006. Claims 41, 43-46, 48, 49, 51, 53-57, 59-62, 64, 65, 67, 69-73, 75-78, 80, 81, 83, 85-89, 91-94, 96, 97, 99, and 101-108 are pending in this application. Claims 43, 57, 65, 88, 89, 96, and 107 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention; these changes are for the purposes of clarification only, and no change in scope is either intended or believed to be effected. Claims 41, 49, 57, 65, 73, 81, 89, 97, and 105-108 are in independent form.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 41, 44-46, 48, 49, 51, 53-57, 59-62, 64, 65, 67, 69-73, 75-78, 80, 81, 83, 85-89, 91-94, 96, 97, 99, and 101-108.^{1/}

Figs. 1 and 2 were objected to for not being labeled as "Prior Art". In response, Applicant has so amended Figs. 1 and 2. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim 43 was objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 as being in improper form for depending from Claim 39, which was canceled. Claim 43 has been amended to depend from Claim 41. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to Claim 43 is respectfully requested.

^{1/}It is noted that the Office Action does not list Claim 72 as having been allowed, although Claim 72 is pending. In addition, the Office Action lists Claim 90 as having been allowed, although Claim 90 has been previously canceled. In a telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney, conducted subsequent to the mailing of the Office Action, the Examiner confirmed that these are mere typographical errors; that is, the Examiner confirmed that Claim 72 is allowed and Claim 90 is canceled.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWING

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1 and 2. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1-3, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1-3.

Figs. 1 and 2 have been labeled as “Prior Art”.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet